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1. APPRECIATE REFTEL AND WHO STATEMENTS ON COORDINATION. OUR VIEWS ARE SAME, WE BELIEVE FIELD CONTACTS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. LOOK FORWARD CONTINUING MEETINGS WITH LIAISON OFFICERS IN FIELD. CONCUR LAGOS MEETING WILL PERMIT INFORMATION EXCHANGE.

2. SUMMARY AID DROUGHT RELATED HEALTH/MEDICAL ACTIVITIES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) AS WHO AWARE, AID IN PAST HAS HAD SUCCESSFUL

MEASLES/SMALLPOX PROGRAM CWAfrica. AID/W CURRENTLY RESPONDING CALLS FORWARD MEASLES VACCINE. AID PROVIDING 761,000 TOTAL DOSES AS FOLLOWS:

MAURITANIA - 65,000

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SENEGAL - 118,000

MALI - 94,000

NIGER - 210,000

UPPER VOLTA 132,000

CHAD - 142,000

CHAD DELIVERED THROUGH OCEAC, ALL OTHERS THROUGH OCCGE. AID IS PREPARED CONSIDER SHIFT DELIVERIES OR GRANT ADDITIONAL REQUESTS TO MEET NEED.

(B) FOUR EPIDEMIOLOGISTS FROM ATLANTA CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL CURRENTLY IN MAURITANIA, NIGER, MALI, AND UPPER VOLTA, CONDUCTING NUTRITION SURVEYS UNDER 60-DAY DISASTER RELIEF FUNDED PROJECT. REQUESTS CONTAINED NOUAKCHOTT 739 (REPEATED TO YOU PRIORITY) DEVELOPED AS RESULT CDC INVESTIGATIONS IN MAURITANIA, AND REPRESENTATIVE TYPE OF CONDITIONS FOUND IN ISOLATED POCKETS THROUGHOUT REGION, I.E. ACUTE MALNUTRITION. POUCHING CDC REPORT TO DATE. WHO SURVEY TEAM MENTIONED PARA 1D REFTEL (A) MAY FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE CDC FINDINGS, AND VICE-VERSA. WOULD APPRECIATE CABLE SUMMARY WHO REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE.

(C) FAO CONSTITUTING FOOD/NUTRITION SURVEY TEAM FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPTEMBER DEPARTURE FOR DROUGHT REGION. TEAM WILL ANALYZE PRESENT/PROJECTED FOOD NEEDS. FAO DG BOERMA HAS INQUIRED USG INTEREST PARTICIPATING. POSITIVE RESPONSE, WITH COMMENTS ON PROPOSED SCOPE OF WORK, IN PREPARATION AND WILL BE CABLED ASAP.

(D) AID/W HAS RECEIVED REQUESTS MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM SEVERAL DROUGHT COUNTRIES. LISTS MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN

FORWARDED OTHER DONORS, TOO. SEVERAL DIFFICULTIES RESPONDING REQUESTS FOR MEDICATIONS FORESEEN: (1) LISTS MAY BE PRIORITY FOR MIN HEALTH STOCKPILES RATHER THAN MEETING HIGHER PRIORITY DROUGHT NEEDS. THIS ILLUSTRATES DIFFICULTY COORDINATION NEEDS IN FIELD PERCEIVED BY FIELD TEAMS WITH MINISTRY REQUIREMENTS; (2) DIFFICULT RESPOND PROMPTLY AND CORRECTLY TO MEDICAL REQUESTS WITHOUT GREATER KNOWLEDGE REQUESTS TO OTHER DONORS, AS FLAGGED WHO; AND (3) NO KNOWLEDGE HOW MEDICINES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ONCE RECEIVED. ANY COMMENTS WHO MAY WISH MAKE CONCERNING IMPROVING ACCURACY AND PRIORITY REQUESTS, APPORTIONMENT REQUESTS AMONGST DONORS (CLEARLY DIFFICULT USG SUPPLY FRENCH LABEL MEDICINES, FOR EXAMPLE), AND IN-COUNTRY DISTRIBUTION, WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

3. TO DATE MAIN USG MEDICAL CONTRIBUTIONS, IN ADDITION PARA 2 ABOVE, HAVE BEEN MULTI-VITAMINS WITH FOLIC LABELLING), PACKAGED DISASTER HOSPITAL FOR UPPER VOLTA (ETA OCT/NOV), AND RECENT OFFER PAY TRANSPORT ANY WHO DROUGHT MEDICINES REMAINING OUAGADOUGOU (GENEVA 4104). WE HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH LICROSS ON NUTRITIONAL MATTERS IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN REGION, AS MISSION AWARE.

4. AT THIS TIME WE FORESEE, AT A MINIMUM, INCREASED REQUESTS ALL DONORS FOR HEALTH/NUTRITION RELATED MEDICINES AND, POSSIBLY, SPECIAL MEDICAL TEAMS (NOT YET REQUESTED OF USG). WE BELIEVE USG HEALTH/NUTRITION CONCERNS OUT PACE INTEREST SAHEL COUNTRIES TO DATE, ALTHOUGH EXPECT INCREASED INTEREST AS HARVEST APPROACHES. UNFORTUNATELY, IN MOST COUNTRIES OF DROUGHT REGION, HARD INFORMATION ON COUNTRY/REGION MEDICAL/HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, AND METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION ARE DIFFICULT TO COME BY. RUSH
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